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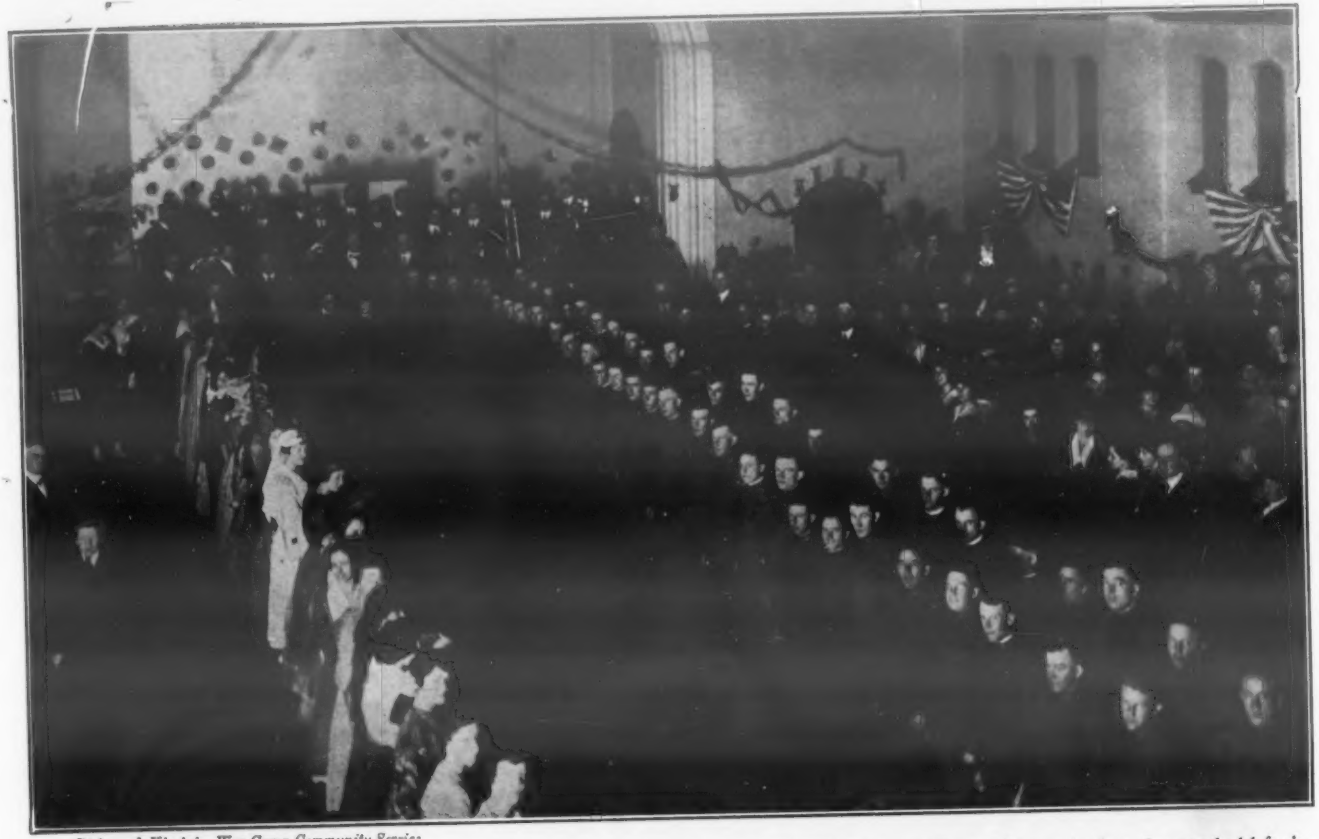
SOLDIER BIDDING MOTHER GOODBYE

"Let the home influence follow him wherever he goes" is the slogan under which the War Camp Community Service has been established, and which it is trying to carry out by providing for the comfort, welfare and proper welcome and entertainment of the American soldier and sailor when "on leave" in cities and towns near their training camps and stations

LEAVING CAMP SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA

When the officers and men of the American Army and Navy leave their camps and stations and "go to town," they find good clubs, clean entertainment, wholesome recreation and home hospitality open to them through the work being done by the War Camp Community Service. Prominent Army Officers have commended this work highly, and declare that it will do much to add to the morale and the efficiency of the American fighting men

SOLDIERS DANCING VIRGINIA REEL



Richmond, Virginia, War Camp Community Service

This scene in the Christian Church of Richmond, Virginia, shows a group of soldiers from Camp Lee enjoying the good old-fashioned Virginia Reel. Dancing under proper supervision and in proper surroundings is being encouraged in every city and town near camp centers, so that the men of the American Army and Navy may have plenty of good places to go instead of being dependent upon questionable attractions. In speaking of the work being done by the War Camp Community Service, Secretary of the Navy Daniels says: "We realize that you cannot place thousands of young men in rough camps on the outskirts of strange cities, you cannot neglect them or treat then as social inferiors without the danger of causing them to yield to the temptations which the hospitality of vice and dissipation invites."

SOLDIERS IN THE PARK

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Richmond, Virginia, War Camp Community Service

Secretary Baker has said that whenever a soldier is on leave he will "go to town" even if that town is only a cross-roads. In this picture are shown a group of "the boys" from Camp Lee, near Richmond. In order that they may have plenty of good places to go—clubs, entertainments, rest rooms, churches and homes—the War Camp Community Service is organizing the social forces in all camp cities for the benefit of the men.

HOME HOSPITALITY FOR SOLDIERS

Washington, D. C., War Camp Community Service

"Welcome the Soldiers." In each camp city the War Camp Community Service tries to help keep the American soldiers "fit to fight" by providing for their comfort, welfare and proper recreation when they are on leave in cities and towns near their camp centers. Of this work President Wilson says: "The spirit with which our soldiers leave America, and their efficiency on the battle fronts of Europe, will be vitally affected by the character of the environment surrounding our military camps." This picture shows soldiers from New York, Brooklyn, Boston and Springfield, Mass., as honored guests in a Washington home

"WRITING HOME" FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, D. C., War Camp Community Service

This group of soldiers, who have just arrived in Washington, are using the balustrade in front of the Union Station as a writing table on which to send messages to their friends and acquaintances. One of the things which the War Camp Community Service has been formed to do is to provide all sorts of comfort and facilities for the men at the training camps when they visit town. It is providing clubs and furnishing many kinds of wholesome recreation as well as home welcome and hospitality for the men

SECTION OF THE LADIES' PARLOR IN THE DES MOINES WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE

Des Moines, Iowa, War Camp Community Service

Soldiers from Camp Dodge entertaining their friends and relatives in the beautiful parlor for ladies at their Club, under the chaperonage of responsible ladies of Des Moines. Furniture for the parlor was donated by Des Moines firms.

Montgomery, Alabama, War Camp Community Service

This building is used to help visitors, who come to Montgomery, Ala., near which Camp Sheridan is located, to find accomodations and to furnish them with any other information which they may require. This is part of the work being done by the War Camp Community Service in all camp cities in looking out not only for the comfort and welfare of the men when they are "on leave" in town, but also of their visiting relatives and friends.

A CLUB SOCIAL

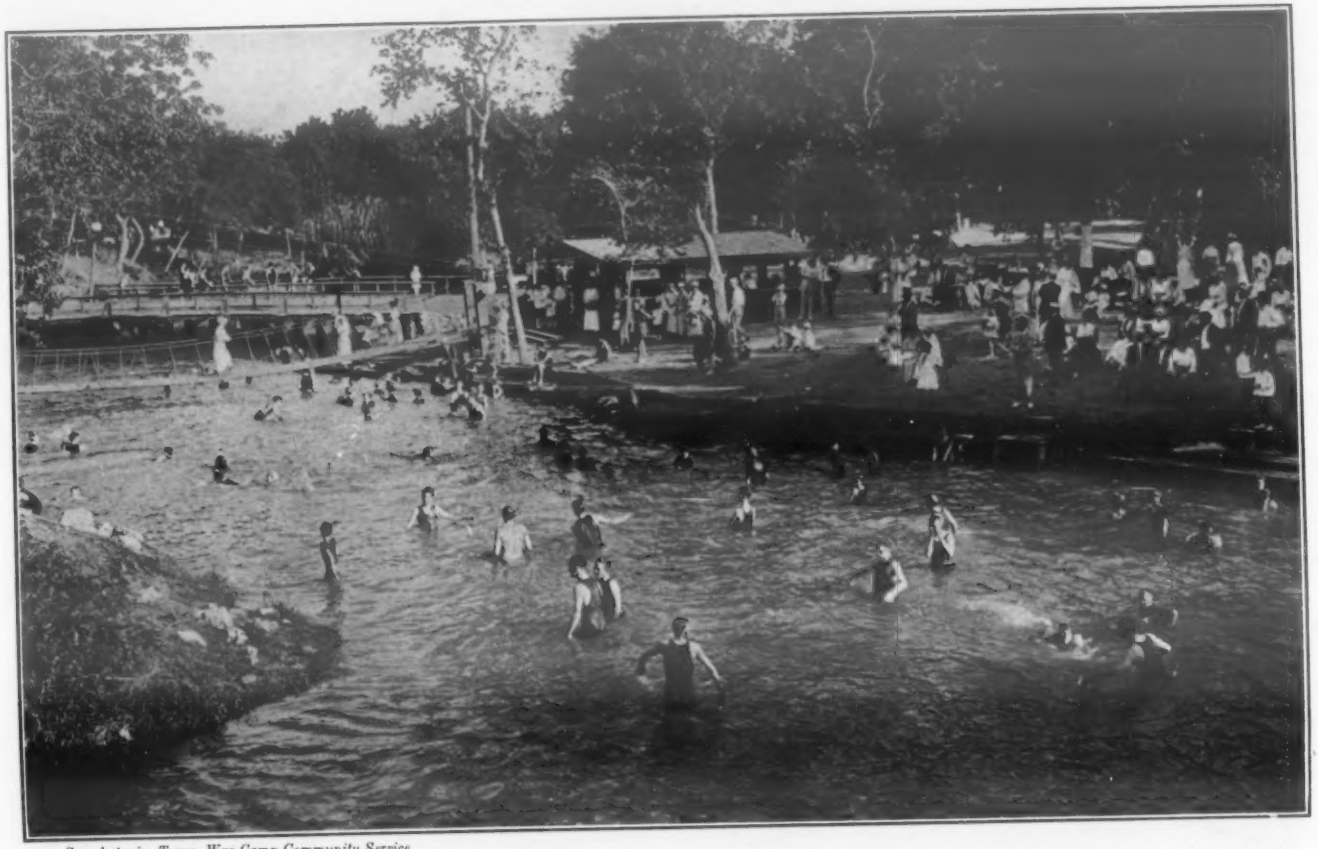
Washington, D. C., War Camp Community Service

Soldiers, sailors and marines from the camps and stations in and around Washington are frequently entertained at the club quarters provided by the W. C. T. U. This is one phase of the War Camp Community Service which is lining up the good club, fraternal, church and home forces of every city and town near camp centers to provide wholesome recreation and home hospitality for the men of the American Army and Navy when they are "on leave" in town.

Des Moines, Iowa, War Camp Community Service

The War Camp Community Service maintains offices in the Old Federal Building for the convenience of the soldiers and their visitors. An information bureau conducted by the official hostess of the War Board, has listed all available rooms for light housekeeping, rooms for transients, apartments and houses. On an average forty families and wives of officers and enlisted men are placed in permanent locations every week. The number of soldiers who are sent to good homes in Des Moines when off duty is too numerous to keep track of

SWIMMING BEACH FOR S. LDIERS



San Antonio, Texas, War Camp Community Service

Small section of swimming beach for soldiers at Brackenridge Park at San Antonio. The San Antonio River runs through the park and has been deepened and widened for a half mile to furnish accomodations for 10,000 men at one time.

CHURCH WELCOME FOR SOLDIERS'

Washington, D. C., War Camp Community Service

The Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C., has been among the most active in the National Capital in providing social services for the men of the American Army and Navy stationed at the various camps near Washington. Secretary of State Lansing is a member of this church, which is only a few doors away from his home. The War Camp Community Service has been encouraging and urging churches everywhere to make the men in uniform "at home," and the churches have been responding very cordially to this patriotic duty.

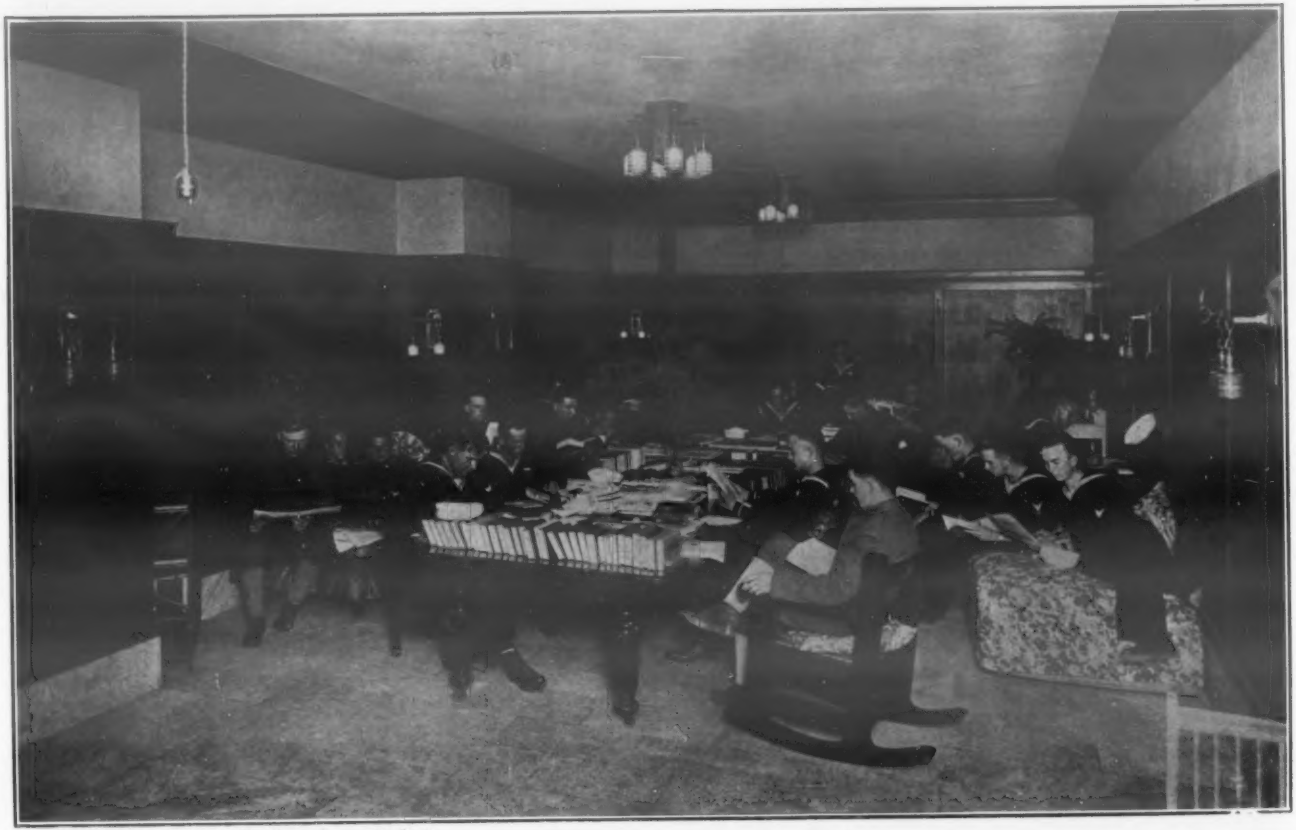
CHURCH SOCIAL FOR SOLDIERS

Gettysburg, Pa., War Camp Community Service

One of the ways in which the War Camp Community Service is working to benefit the men of the American Army and Navy is; by getting all the churches in cities and towns near camp centers and naval stations to open their doors to the men in uniform, and make them feel "at home." This picture shows a church entertainment at Gettysburg, Pa.

San Francisco, California, War Camp Community Service

The lunch counter doesn't have to wait until pay day to have a rush on its commodities. All kinds of goodies, sandwiches, soft drinks, ice cream, smokes, picture post cards, and a host of things the men want are sold at minimum prices. The most popular part of the luxuries the lunch counter offers perhaps are the women. The men often enter into conversation with them, telling of their homes, and all they have left behind. This club is always open, from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m.



San Francisco, California, War Camp Community Service

This for the quiet studious man. It is a separate reading and writing room, with hundreds of books and magazines. No, NOT *old* magazines, all the latest come in regularly. No matter what the buzz is in the big room, all is serene in here. Couches are being added to this so a man can take a nap any time he feels like it.

Des Moines, Iowa, War Camp Community Service

The Shrine Temple was turned over to the Des Moines War Camp Community Service, completely renovated, shower baths installed, and fully equipped for a soldiers' club, at an expense of $2000.00. It is free to all men in uniform and is maintained at an expense of $10,000 a year by the citizens of Des Moines. The salaries of a paid secretary and employes amount to $315.00 a month. The management of the club is in the hands of a house committee composed of soldiers. Brig. General Getty has interested himself in it and is a frequent caller. On the opening night five hundred soldiers mingled with the best citizens of Des Moines. Some features of this club are a large ball room, reception hall, ladies' parlors, writing room, dining room, kitchen, pool and billiard rooms and shower baths.

POOL ROOM—ARMY CLUB, DES MOINES, IOWA

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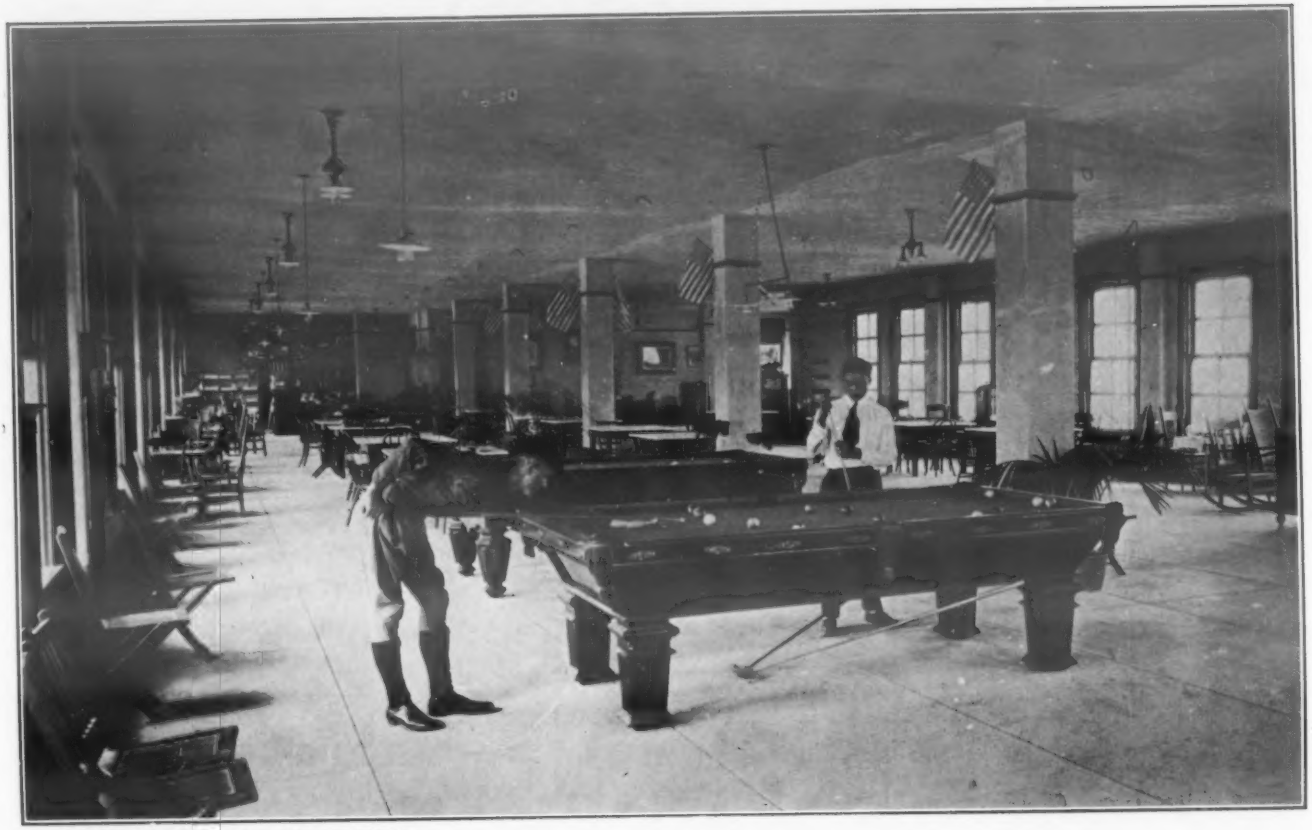
TIP TOP SOLDIERS' CLUB, SAN ANTONIO



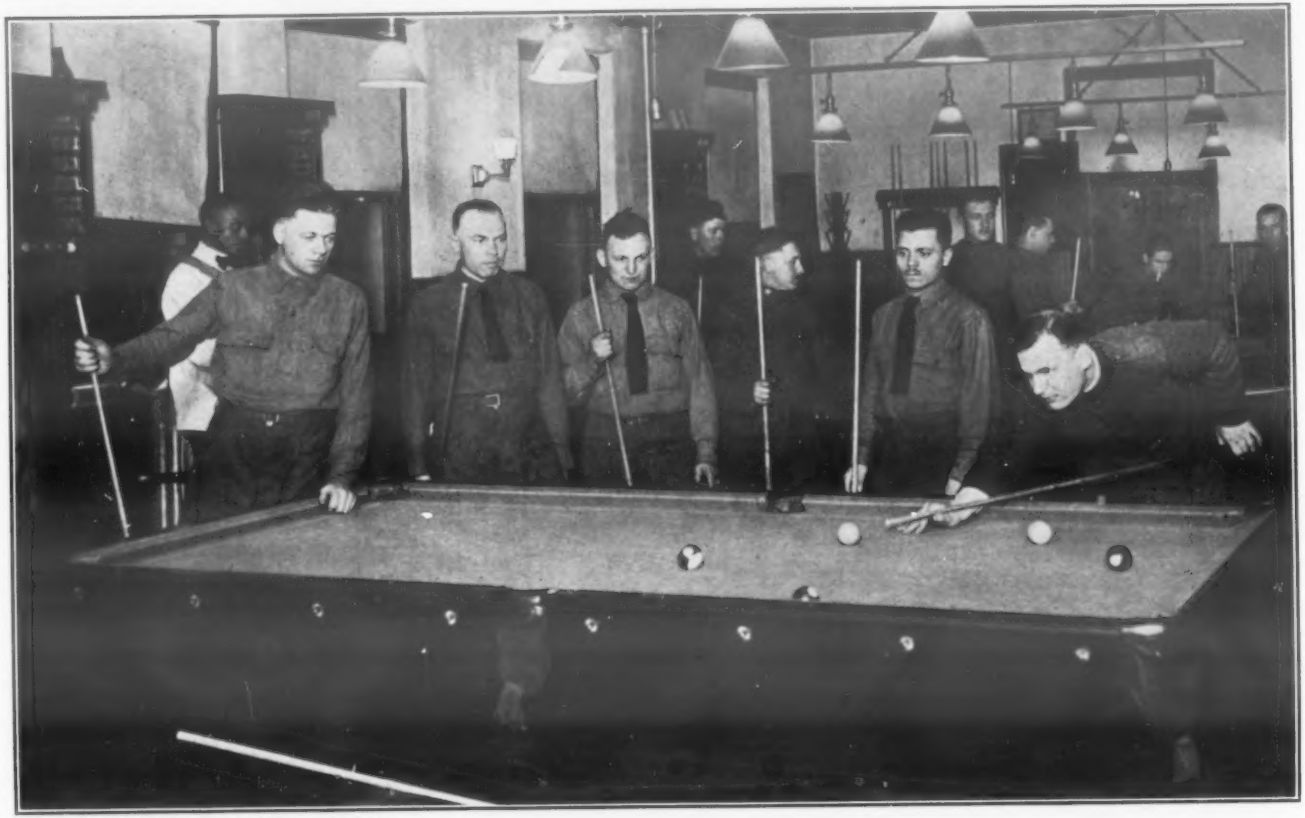
San Antonio, Texas, War Camp Community Service

TIP TOP SOLDIERS CLUB

Atlanta, Georgia, War Camp Community Service

Hundreds of soldiers enjoy the Valentine Party at the Second Baptist Church. This is one of many churches giving Saturday night socials for the men in uniform.

ONE OF SIX POOL TABLES AT THE JEWISH PROGRESSIVE CLUB



Atlanta, Georgia, War Camp Community Service

Enjoyed by Jewish soldiers free of charge Saturdays and Sundays. Hundreds of soldiers are using this club.

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LUNCH AT THE CLUB

Atlanta, Georgia, War Camp Community Service

Members of the Community Committee enjoy the lunch as well as the soldiers.

MUSIC CORNER IN THE ROTARY SOLDIERS' CLUB

Atlanta, Georgia, War Camp Community Service

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SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE ITALIAN SOLDIERS' CLUB

Atlanta, Georgia, War Camp Community Service

This Club has been opened by local Italian citizens with the help of the Atlanta War Camp Community Service. A Greek Soldiers' Club is also to be opened.

Montgomery, Alabama, War Camp Community Service

Information Bureau and Rest Room for Women Relatives and Friends visiting Camp Sheridan

Quantico, Virginia, War Camp Community Service

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SOLDIERS SELLING LIBERTY BONDS

Richmond, Virginia, War Camp Community Service.

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